

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on	)	
Universal Service	)	
	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Corr Wireless Communications, LLC	)	
Petition for Designation as an Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carrier in Certain Rural	)	
Services Areas in the State of Alabama	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: August 4, 2003**

**Released: August 4, 2003**

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division:

1. On May 13, 2003, Corr Wireless Communications, LLC (Corr Wireless) a commercial mobile radio service carrier, filed with the Commission a petition under section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to receive federal universal service support for the rural portion of its licensed service territory in the state of Alabama.<sup>1</sup> On June 5, 2003, the Wireline Competition Bureau released a public notice inviting parties to file comments in response to Corr Wireless' petition 10 days after Federal Register publication of the public notice and reply comments 17 days after such publication. Ten days after Federal Register publication of the public notice was July 28, 2003, and 17 days after Federal Register publication is August 4, 2003.<sup>2</sup> On August 1, 2003, Corr Wireless filed a petition to extend the deadline for filing reply comments by two weeks to August 18, 2003.<sup>3</sup>

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.<sup>4</sup> In this instance, we find there is good cause to extend the deadline for reply comments for one week only, to 24 days after Federal Register publication.<sup>5</sup> Corr Wireless requests an

<sup>1</sup> Corr Wireless is seeking designation as an ETC to receive federal universal service support for rural study areas in its licensed service territory in the state of Alabama that it serves in their entirety. *See Corr Wireless Communications, LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, filed May 13, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> *See* 68 Fed. Reg. 42058 (July 16, 2003).

<sup>3</sup> *See Corr Wireless Communications, LLC Motion for Extension of Time*, CC Docket No. 96-45, filed August 1, 2003.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

<sup>5</sup> *See, e.g., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Virginia; ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Alabama*, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 03-2194, Order (rel. July 3, 2003).

extension of time because of the complexity of the issues raised by the commenters in this proceeding and the importance of the proceeding to Corr Wireless. In addition, according to Corr Wireless, the other commenters do not oppose Corr Wireless' request for an extension. We conclude that an additional week, rather than the two weeks requested, will provide Corr Wireless with sufficient time to address the complex issues raised by commenters without excessively delaying this proceeding. Accordingly, we partially grant Corr Wireless' request for extension of time to file reply comments by extending the deadline by one week. Parties may file reply comments by **August 11, 2003**. These matters shall continue to be treated as "permit-but-disclose" proceedings in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.<sup>6</sup> All other requirements discussed in the public notice remain in effect.

3. For further information, please contact Sheryl Todd, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, 202-418-7400.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the request for extension of time filed by Corr Wireless Communications, LLC IS GRANTED as described herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Eric Einhorn, Chief  
Telecommunications Access Policy Division  
Wireline Competition Bureau

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<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.